THE GENIUS OF OUR COUNTRY.

INVENTIONS FOR WAR TIMES.

Glance at Some of the Operations of the Patent Office.

Extraordinary Combinations and Valuable Improvements.

&c.,

OUR WASHINGTON COPRESPONDENCE.

Washington, Dec. 6, 1891.
Supposing this war has brought with it many disadvantages to the country and the people, it certainly has not been without its benefits, and not least among these are the valuable improvements it has given rise to in the matter of firearms of a large and small character, and projectiles of various descriptions. The very streets of this city are so profile in the display of inventions calculated either for convenience or facility, that they seem endless in their array. And the majority of them have been demonstrated to be practicable, both in fact and claim. Why, I find that between the 19th of April last claim. Why, I find that between the 19th of April last and the 3d of the present month no less than on another control of the present mouth no less than on another of the control of the conformation of improvements on modern one-inventions or improvements intended for every condition of military life, for the comfort and convenience of the private as well as the officer, and some especially for the benefit of the government itself. And what is more, a very large phase of these patents have been granted to men residents of the city of New York, and their lives parameters and inventors have been granted to men residents of the city of New York, and processeds and inventions have generally been the of "gitacracks." Many of the articles that I find to consist of the most ingenious and inricate combinations; but if I were to enter into a de tailed description it would cause me to enterpate the main object I have in view, which is to give, in a brief a form an pensible, an account of those brender, which, in my indigment, have been drawn out by and to most the exigencies of the times. Of course, I do not pretend to refer to everything one man or another may have seen displayed to public view: for there are hundreds fine myself to the operations of the follow. Office, believing that it would be interesting to the general reader to know that even electricity can 10 con on the battle field by foot subliers or cavalry to serve a "shocking" purpose; that a man can have his trunk, camp chest, lounge, settee, writing desk, bed and pedstead and table all in one article; that he can have bedstead and inble all in one article; that he can have his knapsack, evercost, tent, cap and haveleck, wrapper, cavalry roll and here cover in another; and that he can cook his breakfast, then take his stove to pieces and march off with it in a small compass on his back, without experiencing any particular inconvenience.

The following were patented between the 19th of April

last and the 3d of the present months-PREECH-LOADING FIREARMS, ETC.

James H. Merrill, of Baltimore, Md.—The recoft, or other explosion of a cartridge, of course comes upon the breach plug behind it, and when that breach plug is held by a lever it transfers that recoil to the lever, and is app to jump or spring it open, sometimes injuring the lever. The object of the invention is to prevent this.

By the same,—in the use of breech-leading guns, where the breech is closed by a plug, or other device, and the lover that note such device is held to its shot position by a spring cateb-which, for convenience, must have some prominent projection, in order to enable the user to readily raise or threw it back to open the charging chamber. It is found that the apring catch is sometimes sprung open by being struck or touched by a twig, or by coming to contact with the person of the maer; and when this happens, or on the gan being reversed, as often happens when the user is on horseback, the cartridge will drop back. To avoid such a contingency is the object of this

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Butterfield, of Philadelphia, Pa.—The subject closure, a invention is a cannon having a solid , and the improvement consists in certain as to facilitate rapid firing, and to increase the niellectiveness of the gun.

wer, or Now York sity.—An invention, being inneal. Patent suspended.

Silect, of Mount Solon, Ya.—This invention relat class of single barrelled breech-leading research in which a series of cartisless are via brought into line with the bore of the gun the avioded cases removed, and has for its grade tion of a more simple, rapid and effective an any heroscopic knews.

J. of Carrolton, N. Y.—This invention consists for factoring the breech closuring it a hieroscopic through the beneal and quickly closed.

Me. id. of Baltimere, Md.—This piece of a intended to overname the evil resulting high cer too looks a plag, and has one that the backward or cape of gul.

n.—A mochanical arrangement which auto-brigates a brooch into a present and which auto-brigates a brooch into a present and an experiment.

- a machanical a rang-ment which auto-cates a brooch plug or pin, in the act of charging or discharging a gan.
Herman Schreeder, of New York city.—The nature of
this improvement consists principally in providing the
arm with a reoccable breech pin, a simplification of the
ordinary mechanism, and an increased facility for inserting the contridge.

Believed Hammon, of Chicago, til.—The peculiarity of this invention is to enable the cannon to be leaded at the broach with pressor facility and fired with more safety

or Philadelphia, Pa.—An arrangement in-na colorla which can be readily and acturbed and net to any deared range, and of New York city—Juraded to prevent — a chargence of dri and the like—at the

Schubarth, of Providence, B. I.—An improved elating to the pivot.

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more to the breach pin and yoke.

al. Curing, of Newton Lower Falls, Macs.—An imment intended to gain at the advantages of the car
ocas without its objections.

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acts in a rever mode of applying a chamber breach in
annitive with the body of a cosmon, whereby greater
ty is interled for loading.

Macally-dis arrangement whereby the breach offerded for loading.

death.—An arrangement whereby the breach
be taken out of its chamber, cleaned and rest, without separating the contiguous parts of

arm. zra Ripley, effroy, N. Y.—Repeating camen battery, a consists, essentially, of three distinct and separate parts.
A. B. Fly, of Newton, Mass.—An invention intended to use less convious increase the force of the projectile, and essentially lessen the recoil.

Chi tabler formalism.—This invention consists in a navel construction of earthst parts, to cause the plog to be less; it that and effective when the piece has become

-haproved arrangement for firing metallic C. It is lard, of Worcester, Mass.—An invention in-tended to facilities the firing of the run. E. C. Bart-find, of New York etty.—A combination in-tended to simplify the mechanism of the breech of a

gun.
Wm. S. Honson, of Newark, N. J.—A gun, with sta-tionary barys), said barrel to be made either of wrought or cast iron. Intended to divide the strain at the breech.
S. W. Marsh, of Washington, D. C.—This invention consists to the procline construction of the breech part of

F. Ley, of Newark, N. J .- This applies to those arms of Newark,
for mistallic cartridges,
or removing spent cartridges and misor removing spent cartridges and misstrain, of brooklyn, N. Y.—An invention relating
train, of brooklyn, N. Ohio.—An improvement
trained and the gun. Mattagon, or draining the gun.
G. Merwin, of Candinata, Ohio.—An improvement
ded to correct acms of the more serious defects ex-

R. G. Brewn, the factor of the more purely and to expect a me of the more purely and the character of arms.

A. Hamile n. of Broad Brook, Cincinnat.—An invention A. Hamile n. of Broad Brook, Cincinnat. —An invention of the character of the char m and more used range. Henry F. Mann, of La Porte, Md. —Improvement.

Mose, of Breeklyn, N. Y.—Improvement. ther & Co., of New York city.—Improvement on

FIREAUM?-LARGE AND SMALL. on stock to pistols. Facility for detaching is

provided.

Prince Hiller, of Mattapolaett, Mars.—An invention intended to cause the hummer to attrike a quicker and surer blow than ordinarily, and secure extrainty of syntion.

C. R. Alcop, of Middletters, Conn.—Improvement in revolving free inc. This linearity is related to those revolvers in the first manny chambered by motor rotates on an axis parallel with the bore of a stationary barrel, and

at the lower end of the Darvel and produce a new mode for applying the trigger.

These J. Magail, of Rosberry, Mass.—biggovernors in ordinates, for metting the case at any do not be seen in the J. J. Himschott of Louis and Ry.—big. Science I. A. Tent suppose of overname to Loop them for light and provided accelerated grotten.

J. A. De Brame, of New York ony .- Improvem at ta-

ordnance and other firoarms. This invention consists in a skeleton barrel.

C. Sharp.—An adjustable back-sight for firearms, which can be readily and accurately adjusted to suit any range. John A. Danigren, United States Navy.—Improvements in cast iren ordnance. Three patents. 1st. An arrangement for throwing heavier projectiles and forther. 2M. M-thod for casting to obtain uniformity of strain. 3d. To obtain another uniformity.

Wm. Frank, of Mt. Sterling, Ill.—Improvement in the locks of firearms. To have a hair trigger, and yet prevent an accidental cocking of the lock.

E. Allen—Improved mode for constructing revolving fivearms. The nature of this invention consists in securing the cylinder pin by a lover catch.

J. Homer Smith, of Brewstor's Station, N. Y.—Improved gan lock, intended to prevent accidental discharging.

Wm. II. Elliot, of Plattsburg, N. Y.—Improvement in

J. Homer Smith, of Brewstor's Station, N. Y.—Improved gun lock, intended to prevent accidental discharging.

Wm. H. Elliot, of Platisburg, N. Y.—Improvement in rifled direarms; a novel method of employing, combining and arranging certain devices by which a compact and convenient pocket pixel is obtained.

R. P. Parrot, of Cold Spring, N. Y.—Improvement in ordinance, by the application of a wrought from band to obtain strength.

E. Allen.—improved rifled ordnance, relative to the "stop cock" and trigger.

Edgar D. Seely, of Brooklyn, N. Y.—Improvement in igun cappers;" an instrument intended to incilitate the capping of guns, and intended to avoid the loss of time caused by sending for and handling sach cap senaratoly. Joel W. Andrews, of Norristown, ra.—New flying gun and bayonet battery. [This is agreat novelty, and said at the Patent Office to be worthy of attention.]

C. H. Alsop.—Improvement in riffus fir arms.

Henry Gross.—Improvement in riffus forarms.

Joseph Stewart, of San Francisco, Cal.—improvement in the mandavring of beavy gus.

Wm. Page, of New York city.—An improvement, the object of which is to obtain in agan of smooth bore the atvantages derived from a rifled bore.

PROJECTILES.

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PROJECTIES.

Richard Gornell, of Haltimore, Md.—Improved machine for manufacturing bullets. The object of this invention consists.—First, in acylindrical undivided matrix, adapted so as to compress the bullet approximately in the form, and then hold it to be burned. Second, in a device for imparting intermittent, longitudinal and rotary motion to the said matrix, to accomplish the objects above stated.

B. B. Hotchkiss, of Sharen, Coan.—Improved projectile for rifled ordinance. This invention is intended to insure the proper lubrication of the gun, and the tendency to "lead" the groves, heretofore experienced to a greater or less extent in lead or other soft metal helted expanding projectiles.

less extent in lead or other soft metal helical expanding projectiles.

R. Barthlow.—Improved waterproof carridge.

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John Gault, of Boston, Mass.—Improvement in ordinate projectiles; intended to make the projectile more destructive than ordinarily, and give it a wider sweep.

James Mchatyre, of New York etty.—Hombsholl. This invention consists in forming the shell of two or more cartings, or shells, kept apart by projections, with separate compartments to contain an explosive, inflammable material.

material.

Hana Goodspeed & Co., of Norwich, Conn.—Guide for existing bombs, or any other longitudinal projecties, in their course through the air or water when thrown from

agun. Reuben-Shaler, of Madison, Conn.—Projecti'e for fire arms. The object is to produce a build which shall perfectly fit the sides of the barrel and prevent the except of an sharing is discharge therefrom.

Ed. Lindner, of New York city.—Improved method for ing persection for ordnance.

F. A. chim, of Buffalo, N. Y.—Hand grenade, olive, ike a shell, so that the explosion will cause of the a greater number of pieces than other-

E. P. Parrot-Two improvements in projectiles for rifled suice; first, made of fitting the rear portion of the gated projectile with a ring of blass; second, relative

Charles E. Brown, of Warren, B. I.—O diance projectiles. The principal object of this investigation tiles. The principal object of this invention is to preven the axis of an elongated projectile from remaining paral lel with the axis of the bore of the gan from which it is discharged, and compel it during its light to coincide an betangonal to the trajectary line. A. K. Johnson, of Middletown, Conn.—An envelope for

cartridges, impervious to dampness.

E. B. Faglish, of Hartlord, Conn.—Improvement upor Smith's cartridge cases; provides the case with a metallic

smith's cartridge cases; provides the case with a metallic 'bushing."

J. P. Gillesjid, of New Albany, Ind.—Improved metallic cartridges. The object is to preserve the cartridges for a long period of time.

Authory Pinnst, of New York city.—Improved shell for ordinance. Objects, increased destructiveness.

R. P. Parrot.—Improvement in the mode of applying fasce to an explosive shell.

John Gault, o. Boston, Mass.—New projectic for ordinance. Object, nervaned destructiveness.

A. M. Sawyer, of Fitchburg, Mass.—Improvement in canister short for ordinance. Chain, can be fired from a rifiel cannon without in try to the greaves.

J. P. Tien, New York city.—Projectile for rifled ordinance. Improvement in the casting.

Jennes A. Woodbary.—Improvement in projectiles for amount bore ordinance. G. W. Gardner, of Troy, N. Y.—Improvement in par-R. White, of Davenport, R. L.—Improved cartridge.

R. White, of Davesport, R. L.—Improved cartridge.

BALLOONS.

Mortimer Nelson, of New York city.—Balloon. The nature of this invention consists in the revolving faus, applied to a balloon, and arranged in such a manner that they can be used for consummerating a vertical ascending movement or a forward propulsion.

Jedah J. Sherman, of Albany, N. Y.—Halloon. The object is to give the acrosaut in the car a control over the volume of the gas contained in the balloon, whereby he can increase or dimension its density to thus enable him to ascend or descend in the air, with an expenditure in the way of balloot.

John H. Landell, of Newark, N. J.—The nature of this invention, or improvement, consists in a mode for attaching legs to the tripod of the tent bottom, which provides for an easy remaining in case of accident in the field, and the better securing of the tent to the top of the way.

ole. E. C. Wallace, of Jersey City, N. J.—A tent that can be c. C. Watser, a Series of A. Soldier.

Andrew Errorn, of Paterson, N. J.—Parlohoe hit.

S. M. Pavis, of Lawrence, Mass.—Pent. The object being to provide facility for eroction; menus to raise or lower it on the pole so as to form a more or less open or closed tent, and one made to rotate on the pole.

Thomas Poyd, of Boston, Mass.—A tent that can be enlarged or reduced in size, and suited to the ordinary existencies of commission. centions, iskell, of Roston, Mass.—Improvement in ciralar tents. Object, space, good shelter and ventilation. R. K. Hawley & Co., of Battimore, Md.—Portable wood

n tents.
S. M. Davis.—Slight improvement in tents.
H. J. Phillips, of New York city.—Combination of coat and tent.
D. N. Killinger, of Boston, Mass.—Portable house.

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CANTEINS.

C. Bartholomae, of New York city.—Canteen. Claims, can be readily filled, more convenient to drink from, and supplied with a good fittering device.

John Case, of Philadelphia, Pa.—Same. Claims, the providing of the canteen with a tube and stopper, whereby the centents are drunk with greater farility them heretofore, and the tube arranged with a filter, and provided with means for readily drinking from brooks and springs on the line of march.

Seephen H. Russell, of Boston, Mass.—Soldier's canteen, with drinking tube combined.

Remis Jenninger, of Brooklyn, N. Y.—Combination of contents detailed.

J. A. Monigomery, of Williamsport, Ps.—Object, a canteen, with a cup; the same, being reversed, forms a 8. Herbert, of New York city.—Canteen. Can be used for balling; has legs, which fold up.

for bailing; has legs, which fold up.

CAMP PURNITURE.

Living W. Easthan, or Enlineers, Md.—Combination of parts of the dark badstead. Object, economy of space. Can be adjusted in two minutes.

David Stewart, of Annapole. Md.—An arrangement whereby the soldier can have his coffee clear when eggs and henroosts are "into come at a bids."

W. M. Van Waroner, of Newnek, N. J.—Bost detaching apparatus, having a ring at the bow or stern of the boat, leaving one end perfectly free to move in any direction. Claims, it can be used on the roughest sea and will saye less of life.

Claims, it can be used on the roughest sea and will save less of life.

H. W. Mosher, of Warren, Ill.—Invention for securing the fuel around coffee, when boiling.

J. Stevens, of Lowell, Mass.—Spring bed bottom. Pertable. Can be packed in a small compass.

History A. Hill, of Beston, Mass.—Fortable filter for sol-W. B. Strong, of New York city.—Combination of army

and bedstead or coach.

Meyer, of New Branswick, N. J.—Improved shoes,
ded to prevent disconnect on long marches,
p. Parc, of Buffalo, N. Y.—Camp chest that can be con verted into a table.

N. Johnson, of New York city.—Camp steel.

Leonard J. Johnson, of Philadelphia, Pa.—Soldler's pock Leonard J. Johnson, of Philadelphia, Pa.—Soldier's pock-t selecty matchholder. Daniel G. Crane, of Rochester, N. Y.—Combination of

Pauloi G. Crane, of Rochester, N. Y.—Combination of hospital or camp hed and chair.

J. W. Whipple, of New York city.—Military cap. Peculiacity—always kept in proper shape.
C. Mellam.—Portable camp dot.
Win. H. Richards, of Newton, Mass.—Combination of knife, fork and spoon.
P. J. Hardy, of New York city.—Folding camp chair.
Win. A. Mauran, of Boston, Mass.—Portable camp bed stead.

stead.
Gurley & Brady, of New York city.—Combination of cot, lounge and chair.

Nathan el Ames, of Saugus Centre, Mass.—Combination of knife, fork and spoon.

Abel Ashait, of Garretville, Ohio.—Camp stool. Can be o. P. Peil, of Flushing, N. Y.—Combination of joung and camp stool.
Soth D. Woodbury, of Lynn, Mass.—Small portable
comp stoves. Can be taken apart and carried in the

napeack.
D. W. Kensay.—Camp cooking apparatus.
L. H. Miller, of Buitimore, Md.—Bed and trunk com-

bined.

Channey Bush, New York city.—Camp pan and baker.

Chienemail, yet it is claimed the cooking of a whole mess
can be done on it with ease.

C. W. Irwin, of St. Louis, Mo.—Portable coi frame.

Noah Bowning, of Brookiyn, N. Y.—Saleiy belt for carrying money. Especially intended for soldiers.

N. Ames, of Saugur Centre, Mass.—Means for combining forks, socous and knives. N. Ames, of Sangur Centre, Mass.—Means for combining forks, spoons and knives.

J. W. Hardie, New York city.—Army trunk, can be formed into an easy chair, bed and bedstead, lounge, willing deak and a settee and table.

Same.—Improved construction in the combination of thices and forks.

G. H. Higgins, of New York city.—Camp stove. Can be reacted into small compars.

J. Wuite, of Cleveland, Ohio.—Pertable hospital bodstead.

G. W. B. Gedney, of New York city.-Improved air

G. Garroth.—Improvement in cartridge boxes.

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David Ahl, of Newville, Pa.—Surgical splints. Intended
for army use. Consists in a mode of saturating cloth
with certaingums, and moulding it on a anked limb.
Sam. J. Seely, of Brooklyn, N. Y.—Portable electrical
battery for cavalry or foot soldiers. Can be applied to
an enemy for "shocking purposes," without the possessor
being affected.

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Ch. H. Perkins, of New York city.—Improved calks for observed to the Claims, will not break off so easily as usual. Paniel E. Somes, of Biddeford, Mc.—Invention for proceiving meat in large quantities. Has reference to air.

E. B. Collin, of Johnston, R. I.—Now lantern for burnafether kerosene or coal oil. Claims good light and afty. Commodoro Daniels, of Barnwell district, S. C.—Mode for

Commodore Daniels, of Barnwell district, S. C.—Mode for training horses and mules to rack or pace. Consists in an arrangement of certain straps.

Thes. W. Evans, of Philadelphia, Pa.—Improved telegraphic cable chain. Can be safely and quickly laid in the deepest waters and in the stormiest weather.

J. H. Jennings, of New Boddord, Mass.—Improved horseshoe cakes. Valuable for cavalry.

J. L. Stuart, of New York city.—An invention consisting in the construction and operation of a new and nevel apparatus, to be used in communication with the means of propulsion, for the extinguishment of fire on shipboard.

shiphoard.

J. J. Seeley, of Brocklyn, N. Y.—Improvement in the construction of iron vessels. The object of this invention is to produce requisite strength with the least possible weight of material in an iron vessel. Iron decks contemplated of corrugated iron.

J. M. Brooks (Leutenart United States Navy).—Improved hook for tackles and pendants.

Geo. Cook, of Bristol station, III.—Portable capstains. Reseal introcement.

Useful improvement.

R. F. Jaynes.—Improved rudder.

James S. Smith, of New York city.—Improvement in officers' shoulder strays. Contemplated substitution of burnished metal for buillion.

C. E. sh., of Newburg, N. Y.—Hitch posts for horses.
Portable. J. E. Marshall, of Westchester, Pa. -Military balter for

A. L. Weymouth, of Boston, Mass.—Bit for ourbing wild A. L. Weymouth, of Boston, also,—not for our oing wine and victory horses.

Join O. Plythe, of Germantown, Pa.—Improvements in the ventilation of caps for soldiors.

James C. Adams, of Saltimore, Md.—Improved apparatus for the hasty injection of meat with brine.

Thomas Fisher, of Camdon, N. J.—Portable manger.

R. P. Fitts.—Folding feed has for cavalry horses.

G. D. Arrington, of Charlestown, Mass.—Knapsacks—Intended to have the scause in the feast objectionable along.

dace. Thomas Garrock, of Providence, R. I.—Same. A folding Henry C. Felhovsen, of Buffalo, N. Y.—Sigual lauterns. Froisham & Levett, of New York city.—Knapsack art bed and pillow combined. J. K. Gillans, Jr., of Greenpoint, N. Y.—Cap. Designed

r notdiers.

New York city.—Knapsack.

Nowings & Conkling, of New York city.—Knapsack.

In he formed into an overcoat, with cap and havelock,

to a tent, med a cavalry roll, and used as a horse evering.

Blatthew C. Bogia, of Philadelphia, Pa.-Rammer, Inceeded to relieve the hands of the user from the usual

tanded to redirect the hands of the user from the demi-jour and shocks.

Wm. B. Johns, of Charlestown, D. C.—Military equip-m et. Can be used for various purposes, such as a knap-sack, test, military dods, &c.

Charles C. Lane, of Buffolo, N. Y.—Camp chest.

Le Long & De Camp, of Newark, N. J.—New implement for "feeding" percussion caps.

C. Sharp, of Philadophia, Pa.—New hammer guard, to

counteract a calded is.

W. Chase — Chap chest and table combined.

Collins & Co.—Improved milliary futgue cap.

Walter H. Farbush, of Buildo, N. Y.—Solders folding portable harmack.

A. S. Carver, of Brooklyn, N. Y.—Combination of trunk and camp chest.

R. P. Fitts, of Philadelphia, Pa.—Army folding water build at

bucket.
C. Ray, of Beston, Mass.—Improvement in stirrups.
Intended to prevent an accidental catching of the foot.
S. F. Wilson, of Providence, R. L.—Army cooking

S. P. Wilson, of Philadelphia, Pa.—Improvement in equilettes. Relating to the fringe.
J. Short, of New York city.—ichapeack.
J. D. Woodruff, of Brooklyn, N. Y.—Saddles for army

Court of General Sessions. Before the City Judge and the Recorder.

Judge McCunn disposed of a number of cases yesterday in the General Sessions. Samuel Murray, indicted for a felonious assault upon Julia Wilson, at 58 Leonard street, on the 27th of November, was convicted of an assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to do bodily harm. The assault was made with a knife, and was entirely unprovoked. The City Judge sont him to the State prison for five years. Philip Smith, charged with steading \$42 worth of jowelry from Jacob Ritter, of 498 Eighth avenue, pleaded guilty, and was remanded. Thomas seasien, who was indicted for robbery in the first degree, having assaulted John Grigor as he was passing threegh Centre street, pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny, and was remanded for sentence. The wind of Albert thi, indicted for the murder of Win. Los, was communed in the afternoon. It appears that on the 5th of August the passener and a number of friends went into a drinking saloon in Greenwich street where the ewas barkeeper. After drinking some liquor the parties commenced to quarrel, when the barkeeper came up belind and struck one of the party with a club. Ageneral fight easied, and while the barkeeper was in the act of seeing a ritcher to strike, thi, who had a pistol in his hand, fired it and shot him in the head. He was conveyed to the bespital, and clied an hour afterwards. The case will be finished this morning.

THOMAS RETIOLIS CONVICTED OF THE MURDER OF PRESIDENCE WESS. was entirely unprovoked. The City Judge sent him to

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THOMAS IRVINOLIS CONVICTED OP THE MURDER OF PREDERICK WEESS.

In the other branch of the cent thomas Reynolds was tried and convicted of murder in the second degree before Recorder Hoffman. The facts proved by the prosecution were, that on the 23d of August a woman went into a grocery store, on the center of Thirty-first street and Eight avenue, and, while eating a musk molon, she ind her pocketbook on the counter, which was taken by the accused. She was applies of this, and requested him to give it to her, which he refused. In the alternoon also returned to the store, and, on being told that the prisoner was in the yard, she went and asked him for the prisoner was in the yard, she went and asked him for the prisoner was in the yard, she went and asked him for the prisoner was in the yard, she went and asked him for the prisoner was in the yard, she went and asked him for the prisoner was in the yard, she went and asked him for the prisoner was in the yard, she went and asked him for the prisoner was in the park of feased to give. Several persons demanded the pecketbook, among them the decreased the the Demanding, arrived here from Eathernoon the fact that the feery large the prisoner was in the yard, she went and asked him for the prisoner was in the park of fease to give. Several persons demanded the pecketbook, among them the decreased the prisoner was in

Rumored Attack by the Cherokees.
On the strength of the following letter, and other suspicious circumstances, the Emporia News fears an attack by the Cherokees on the Neoslo country.—
We have this day reached this point from the Cherokee Nation, on Little Verdigris, as low down as Bryant's trading post, which piace we left day before yesterday (Thursday) evening, at dark. We have it from several sources which we judge worthy of credit, that the Cherokee regiment are immediately to move up the Cherokee and Californis trail (the Fort Gibson road) for your country. You will immediately despatch this by a special messenger to Cant. P. G. D. Morton, on Walmut, at Chelsea or Eldorade, 2it by your scouts you learn anything of special impertance you will send a messenger despatch to us at this perit, which will be immediately passed from here to the Neoshoriver.

P. S.—The intention is with thom to pass up the Walmut and attack the Newsloat Emporia.

GENERAL WOOL'S DIVISION.

OUR FORTRESS MONROE CORRESPONDENCE. FORTRESS MONROS, Dec. 12, 1861.
Letters and Clothing for Our Prisoners in Richmond—Re port of Matters and Things in Rebidom—The Price of Provisions—How the Cold Weather Affects the Chicatry— Novel Bed Covering of the Enemy—Necessity the Mother of Invention—Destination of the Butler Expedition— Gen val Burnside's Especiation Probably to Rendezvous at Fortress Monroe—Brilliant Management by the Elementh Pennsylvania Cavalry-Their Proficiency in Drill, and what the Officers Arc-Brigade Drills by Acting Briga dier General Max Weber-Addition to the Assidant Adju

tant General's Office, do., do.
This being the usual day for flags of truce to ply beween here and Norfolk, General Wool despatched the steamboat Goorge Washington, in charge of Captain James Millward, Jr., Harbor Master, who took with him a very large amount of clothing, received and forwarded by Cap-tain Grier Talmadge, United States Quartermaster of this department. The General transmitted the following let-ters containing money, besides a very extensive mail ad-

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1. George W. Gray, prisoner of war at Richmond, containing \$5 in gold.
2. Charles Bean, prisoner of war at Richmond, containing \$5 in gold.

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3. Willard A. Luce, prisoner of war at Richmond, containing \$6 bank bill.

4. Captain William H. Withington, First Michigan regiment, prisoner of war, supposed to be at Castle Pinckney, containing \$2 in gold.

5. John L. Bacon, Richmond, Va., containing draft for

6. Sergeant Robert Burns, Seventy ninth N. Y. S. M., prisoner of war at Richmond, \$1 in gold.
7. Allest Flagler, prisoner of war at Richmond, conaining \$3 in gold.
8. James C. McClone, prisoner of war at Raleigh, N. C., prisoner of war at Raleigh, N. C.

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N.Y.S. M., prisoner of war at Richmond or skewhere, containing \$25, in gold.
14. H. D. Chaptorn, prisoner of war at New Orleans, La., containing \$5, in gold.
15. John Crais, Tamanay regiment, prisoner of war at Richmond, containing \$1, in gold.
There is nothing new reported from secessia, and the

truce boat brought back two ladies, who go North to their friends. From these passengers I am unable to glean any intelligence, inasmuch as the rebel authorities do not allow any persons they permit to escape their clutches to witness anything that might possibly be re-ported. These lady passengers only relievate the state-ments of all the persons who have come this way before that aparchy reigns supreme. Provisions are unusual & high, and scarce at that, coules in many instances selling as high as \$4 50 and \$5 per pound. Sugar seems to be plenty (why shouldn't it be?) Bacon and hams average planty (why shouldn't it be?) Bacon and hams average aventy-five cents per pound; fresh beef, twenty-five cents, and flour, \$16 and \$20 per barrel. The weather at Norfolk and Richmond up to to-day has been very moderate, but this being extremely cold, has been very moderate, but this bong extremely cold, my informant states that no little aufforing exists among the chivalry, and necessarily the troops, from Uncle Jack Frost. This cold snap, however, is only a forerunner of what is to come yet. Our troops are plentifully supplied with good winter clothing, blankets and comfortable log or board houses (thanks to the indentigable exertions of Captain Grier Talmadge, the chief Quarter-master), while on the other hand I am credibly informed that blankets are not only scarce among the rebels, but even a luxury. The enemy, driven to his wits end for the want of covering, has gone to work tanning the hides of cattle, and using the same like buffile robes. However,

of cattle, and using the same like buffalo robes. However, the great consumption of shoo leather, and the blockade on that as every other article, must necessarily our row down the supply of raw hides to a very contracted limit, for the purpose of converting them into a soft covering, like buffalo skins. But necessity is the mother of invention, and this is one.

A sufficient number of days having clapsed since the Butler expedition has sailed, and having by this time undealinedly arrived as its destination, I am at liberty to disclose the point where the attack is to be made. The monster steam transport Constitution, carrying 2,000 troops, and the dated States guiboat tieogras, formed the varguard, and it is now beyond a doubt that the first described by the S. R. Spatising on the 6th that, erromously reported by me as the "stone fleet," was a portion of the exception. The occupation of Ship Island, at the mouth of the Mississipp, was a point long since talked of by the administration to be forcibly taken possible of the corrected the exception of the corrected the exception and heavy and the contraction of the corrected the exception of the corrected the exception and heavy and the contraction of the corrected the exception and heavy and the contraction of the corrected the exception and heavy and the exception and heavy and the exception of the corrected the exception of the corrected the exception and heavy and the exception and the exception and heavy and the exception and the excepti

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OUR NEWPORT NEWS CORRESPONDECE. CAMP BUTLER, NEWFORT NEWS, Dec. 12, 1861.
Quietness in Camp—No Boards 3et for Covering Burracks
with—Rumaway Stares—Batteries on Deep Creek—Superiority of the Virginia Negro Cour the Real "Darkey"-

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tells the same old story of discontent among the soldiers, and great suffering from fovers and cold. They are in a continual state of fear of an attack from us.

Talking about contrabands, it is a cortain fact that the yirginia negro stands much above his "shadier" brother further. South, both in intelligence and activity. We have in camp here some most interesting specimons, that, with proper care, could be made extremely useful they are intimately acquainted with every road, wood and swamp for miles around, and are possessed of a most wonderful memory; their affection for the "Vankees" is strong and carnest, and they often express their willingness to shoulder a musicot and have a busis with their "beloved masters." They generally spect the most high sounding names; thus, for instance, the writer has his boots blacked by George Washington and his clothes washed by Miss Harriet Lane. We have not found Mr. James Bachanan's occupation yet, but we presume he would make a first rate whitewasher.

The funniest thing that had happened yet in this camp was the arrival on Saturdry last of seven pigs, that have sececed from the other side of the rives. For a long time we could see same black spots meving forward, without being able, even with a glass, to distinguish what in the world they were. They did not appear fatigued at all after their five mile swim, and when landed expressed their sinces pleasance of being anongst from an by a succession of grunts. The most remarkable part of the otter is that they ran away from a piace called "Pig Point."

GENERAI. BUTLER'S DIVISION.

[From the Boston Traveller, Pec. 12.]

Through the kindness of Engene Kelty, Eng. Leutement of the Second company of Fire Zonawas, who, by the way is a true gentleman and thorough soldier, and also by means of aid continuinty rendered us on the part of Mr. Emerson, Secretary to Adjutant Dimon, of the Massachustis regiment now in camp, we are enabled to give some particulars respecting the camp and the men. There are already two thousand men in camp, comprising the Maine Twenfifth regiment, numbering about nine hundred; the Massachusatts regiment, mostly raised in Lowell and vicinity, and not yet numbered, containing also about nine hundred men; two companies of cavalry, of two hundred and saventy-two men, and that portion of the Fire Zonawas already recruited.

The cavalry company are to be armed with a carbine, sabre and two rove, vers each. Recruits to the average number of twenty are daily received at the camp. On Wolneadys and Saturdays the grounds are open to visitors, who are generally present in large numbers from Lowell and Boston. Colonel Jones If. French stands in high favor with the men, alike commanding and receiving their equipments, and will probably start the test of the present week. Nothing debile can be said regarding the movement of the Massachusebts regiment, though of culturatures. General Butler was on the ground on Sinday and inspected and reviewed the troops during the day, expending meth satisfaction with the appearance of the nion and their movaments. He visited the camp again yeatority norming. No pain on his part are spared to promote the comfort and well being of the neon. They are served with fresh, warm breaf from the basiery at Lavelli each morning, bearies their rations of feet meal. The ractures and account of the same.

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General Butter's brigade will consist of six thousand men. The Twenty-sixth Manaschusetts and the Narh Coancettest have already gone in the Constitution. Col. French's regiment will probably onthack in the Constitution on her return.

The regiments now in camp have each a dram corps of twenty men. A corporation one of the companies of the Maine regiment is completenes for his beight, being six feet eight unches. As he says, he was raised in the backwoods of Maine; his parents set out a place tree when he was born, but he outgrow it. When presented with a sait of the colding furnished our mean he indignantly said "if do not wear boys' clothes."

In the guardbouse we found only twelve men, and these mostly confined for staying over time. They are detached for the agreeable duties of bringing water and sawing wood, and prove themselves of much service. There are now 130 tents on the field, which are heated by the pacent stove manufactured by Pond & Duncklee, and the only fault found with them is that they more than accomplish the offset intended. They are made of sheet from, and denominated the telescopic stove.

The Fire Zonaves attract much attention, as well for their picturesque and next apparence as for their deportment on the ground. Their uniform consists of a full Zonave jacket, with the addition of a warm vest in place of the best material, who embroidered fronts and characteristics, and the first, made of the best material and a profusion of height gill beil buttons. They were besides, fannel shirts, made of the best material, Large numbers are rejected, and only young, active, healthy, capable men are selected, who show every mark of nighty and sprynes. The company, whice completed, will emeal of 101 men, and will see as aktrinshers to Coonel Fren

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

SATURDAY, Dec. 14-6 P. M. The policy to be pursued by the government and the banks continues the chief topic of conversation in commercial circles, and, though no uneasiness is felt, it is due to truth to state that the public mind is becoming rapidly familiarized with the idea of a general suspension of specte paymenta, as a measure of precaution. Money is plentiful; the brokers are doing very little, and the banks loss. Foreign exchange closed very firm at 109%, and some of the speculative brokers, who are interested

in the rise, obtained the quotation of 110 from bank-

ers who did not want to sell, and reported it freely, Stocks were better to-day, though the volume business done was small. The stock operators, like other people, are waiting to see what will come of the financial imbroglio. Tennessees advanced one per cent, and all State stocks were rather better at the morning boatd. At the same board New York Central rose 34 Erle preferred 1/2. Michigan guaranteed 1/4. Galena 36. After the board the market was steady. At the second board stocks were generally better, and there seemed to be a larger amount of orders. The market closed strong, the following being the last quotations:-United States 6's, registered, 1981, 89 a 1/4: do. 6's, coupon, 1981. 92% a %; do. 5's. 1874, 82% a -: Virginia 6's. 47 a 34; Tennessee 6's, 431/4 a 44; Missouri 6's, 41 a 14; Pacific Mail, 83 a 14; New York Central, 78%, a 34; Erie, 31%, a 34; do. preferred, 5334 a 54; Hudson River, 371/4 a 3/6; Harlem, 117/6 a 12; preferred, 291/4 a 1/4; Reading, 34 a 1/4; Michigan Central, 491/4 a 1/4; Michigan Southern and North. ern Indiana, 18% a 1/2; do. guaranteed, 381/4 a 1111 a 115; Illinois Central, 60%; 4; Galena and Chicago, 71 a 1/4; Cleveland and Toledo, 331/4 a 1/4: Chicago and Rock Island, 501/6 a %; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy,

a 501/6; Milwankee and Prairie du Chien, 19 a 20; Illinois Central bonds, 7's, 87% a %. The business of the Sub-Treasury was as follows

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CITY COMMERCIAL REPORT.

SATURDAY, Dec. 14—2 P. M. FLOUR. The market was buoyant and rather easier for common grades, though not quotably lower. The sales subtraced about 13,900 bids. Wegar was firmly hold, though prices were unchanged

Sales were moderate, and embraced about 98,000 bushels Cons. was firm, but uncharged. The sales embraced about 75,000 bushels, at 67% a. 68% for lots of shipping Western mixed, and from stors at 63c a 63'5c. Poks. The market was quiet and prices unchanged. The sales embraced 200 a 200 bbls., at \$12.25 a \$12.75 for mess, \$3.50 a \$0 for prane, and at \$13.75 a \$14 for CMy

orime mess. Wasser .- Salas of 200 bbls. were made, at 2015c. 20 % 14c.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE. The following is a comparative statement of the imports of fereign dry goods at New York for the week ending Pecember 12, and since January 1 :-

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For the Week. 1859 1850, 1861.

Fritter at the port. \$437,045 \$469,077 \$708,163

Threwin on market. 633,134 629,770 \$45,043

Since Jan. 1.

Fince dat the port. \$104,822,763 \$97,187,235 \$48,335,628

Thrown on market. 104,112,375 95,500,000 43,237,016

The goods entered the past week at this port were larger in proportion then previously, compared with those for the same time in the two provious years' while the amount thrown upon the market was in exe cess of these for the same time in 1359 and 1890. The aggregates, since the first of January last, do not reach ess of these for the same time in 1859 and 1850. The aggregates, since the first of January last, do not reach half the amount of those for the same time in 1859 and 1860. Put a little over two weeks remain of the present year, and the ratio in that time will not be resterially changed. The recent advances in cotton piece goods has perty well suspended purchases for export. The feature of the past work has been the specu ative movement in cotton, and cotton and woollen mixed goods flexy brown sheetings and shritings have advanced to 18c. a 1646c., medium to 46c., and light to 124ce, heavy sheetings to 114ce. a 124ce, and light to 124ce, heavy sheetings to 114ce. a 124ce, and light to 124ce. The list were at 18c. a 1846c. for brown, 18c. for blue. Canton flamels were solling at 16c. a 17c. Cottonales have advanced to 9c. in Providence, and some belders demand 10c. Prints of favorate makes have also a ranced. Woollen goods were men and stocks reduced. Woollen goods were men and stocks reduced. We market for them in some degree sympathized with faut for cotton goods. There was an improved demand for foreign cotton and mixed stricks, including dress genes, many of which having been unsaleable last fall, except at very low rates, were carried over. They now sympathize with the advance in domestic cotton goods, and sind purchasers from job-lers, who enter the market thus early to be prepared for the spring trade, while some, probably, buy on speculation. Medium and low part of two goods are also begit in advance by jobbers were likewise attracting more attention. This is unauly rise dull scason of the year in dry gods, and the present novement is out of the ordinary routine of the trade, and is mainly based on speculation, from the great rise is cotton; while goods are also bought in advance by jobbers for the string trade, fearing by that time that they will rise much higher.

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